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To authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the
State of Alaska.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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Park in the State of Alaska.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Denali National Park
5 and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
9 means land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary

1 within the boundary of the Park that is identified by
 2 the Secretary for exchange under section 3.

3 (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
 4 eral land” means land that is—

5 (A) identified by the Railroad for exchange
 6 under section 3; and

7 (B) composed of an exclusive-use easement
 8 owned by the Railroad within the Park, includ-
 9 ing the former Denali Park Station Wye track.

10 (3) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Denali
 11 National Park in the State of Alaska.

12 (4) RAILROAD.—The term “Railroad” means
 13 the Alaska Railroad.

14 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may convey to the
 18 Railroad Federal land within the Park in exchange for
 19 non-Federal land of the Railroad to be used for turning
 20 railroad trains around near Denali Park Station.

21 (b) CONDITIONS OF THE LAND EXCHANGE.—

22 (1) EQUAL ACREAGE.—A land exchange under
 23 this section shall be on an equal acre basis.

(2) TOTAL ACRES EXCHANGED.—The total quantity of land exchanged under this section shall be—

(A) not more than 25 acres of Federal land; and

(B) not more than 25 acres of non-Federal land.

(3) INTEREST CONVEYED.—

(A) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The interest conveyed by the Railroad to the Secretary under this section shall be the full title and interest received by the Railroad under title VI of Public Law 97–468 (commonly known as the “Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982”) (45 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.).

(B) FEDERAL LAND.—The interest conveyed to the Railroad by the Secretary under this section shall be subject to the same reservations and limitations under title VI of Public Law 97–468 (commonly known as the “Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982”) (45 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) that are applicable to the non-Federal land conveyed.

(4) COSTS.—The Railroad shall pay the costs of any land exchange under this section, including—

1 (A) the costs of compliance with the Na-
2 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
3 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

4 (B) the costs of land surveys; and

5 (C) any other reasonable costs necessary to
6 carry out the exchange.

7 (5) LAND TO BE PART OF WILDERNESS.—Any
8 non-Federal land conveyed to the Secretary under
9 this section that is adjacent to the Denali Wilder-
10 ness shall become part of the Denali Wilderness.

11 (6) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
12 retary may require any additional terms and condi-
13 tions for a land exchange under this section that the
14 Secretary determines to be appropriate to protect
15 the interests of the United States.

16 (c) TIMELINE.—The Secretary and the Railroad shall
17 carry out the land exchange under this section not later
18 than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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